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Northford Preschool Academy Celebrates Start of 7th Year in Business

Head teacher and Director, Jaime DeFelice, along with her staff Maria Scalia and Kristen Solomon welcomed the class of 2017/2018 back to Northford Preschool Academy for their 7th year of operation.

Northford Preschool Academy prides itself on being a warm and inviting educational environment that allows children to learn and explore academic and social skills in preparation for kindergarten. Serving a population of 3-5 year olds three days a week skills such as number awareness, letter and sound recognition and name formation are introduced in a fun and loving environment as social and independent skills are developed.

Director Jaime DeFelice brings 16 years of teaching experience beginning in the North Branford Public school system teaching 1st and 2nd grade. Her passion for early childhood education led her to open NPA in 2011. After only two years she expanded and moved to its current location at 1355 Middletown Avenue in Northford center where as their slogan says, "Students LOVE to Learn."

Donation Supports Fire Department Memorial

The Rose family has been a mainstay of our community for well over a century. Not surprisingly, the extended Rose family has also been loosely connected with the North Branford Fire Department since it was formed 80 years ago.

Upon the passing of David Rose, the family asked that memorial gifts be sent to the Fire Department. Those funds were used to help defray some of the costs of updating the Firefighter Memorial next to Headquarters Company 1 on Route 80.

There had been a plan to add a plaque and steel girder to the Memorial in remembrance of those lost on September 11, 2001 and to recognize the members of the North Branford Fire Department traveled to Ground Zero shortly after the attacks to assist with the search and rescue efforts. Unfortunately, other financial priorities took precedence. The balance of the gifts in the name of Mr. Rose were use to add the plaque and steel girder.

A small ceremony was conducted to unveil the new additions to the Memorial and acknowledge the generosity of the Rose family.



Hammonasset Festival Now a Bigger, Annual Event

The Hammonasset Festival comes to the Guilford Fairgrounds this fall for two days of celebration, education and entertainment. Honoring nature and Native America, the 7th Festival will take place on Saturday, September 30, from 10 AM to 7 PM and Sunday, October 1, from 10 AM to 5 PM.

Each day will begin with a Native American blessing and smudging ceremony, led by Allan Saunders (Mohegan), followed by music, dance, art and craft vendors, exhibits and demonstrations, activities for the whole family, storytelling and a variety of food choices.

Barbara Hanson, Co-Chair of the Hammonasset Festival, explains, "The event has traditionally taken place at Hammonasset Beach State Park in Madison, but ongoing construction at the park prompted us to take the event to the nearby -- and spacious -- Guilford Fairgrounds."

We hope to raise community awareness of the culture and time-honored traditions of the Indigenous Peoples, as well as issues they face today. We hope to raise awareness of how we can work together to repair the balance between people and nature, and preserve the beauty and abundance of Mother Earth for those who live with the land and the seven generations that are coming. "

There will be multiple presentations daily.

--The Chankas of Peru will present the Scissors Dance, a cultural expression of the Andean of Peru. There will be one presentation each day.

Featured wildlife shows:

--Live raptor show by A Place Called Hope, a raptor rehabilitation center in Killingworth, CT. Christine Cummings and Todd Secki will introduce you to the "ambassador birds", those that cannot be returned to the wild due to injuries, who help educate the public on ways to better co-exist with all wildlife. Birds will be on-site Saturday and Sunday, 1:00 -- 5:00; there will be one raptor show daily.

--Live reptile show presented by the Meigs Point Nature Center of Hammonasset Beach State Park in Madison, CT. Ranger Russ Miller will present exhibits and lead discussions on the snakes and turtles you see throughout Connecticut. There will be two live reptile

shows on Saturday and one on Sunday.

Other special attractions:

--Expanded Children's Area offering stories, games and crafts presented by the Institute for American Indian Studies (IAIS), local libraries, and Friends of Hammonasset; also a mock dig, teepee painting, scavenger hunt, and touch table.

authentic handmade beadwork, silver jewelry, wampum jewelry, pottery, dream catchers, woodcarvings, baskets, clothing, and much more

-- Environmental exhibits, museum outreach programs, and demonstrations presented by organizations such as Menunkatuck Audubon, CT DEEP, Friends of the Office of State Archaeology, Shoreline Outdoor Education Center, Trout Unlimited, and the US Coast Guard

The above features and special attractions are subject to change. For latest updates, visit our Facebook page, HammonassetFestival, or email us at HammonassetFestival@gmail.com.

Exhibitors and vendors: pre-registration is required. Contact: HammonassetFestival@gmail.com

The Festival is presented by Friends of Hammonasset, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and is sponsored by Friends of Hammonasset and the Robert F. Schumann Foundation.

Parking: Free on-site parking

Admission: adults, \$5; children under 12, free



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**“I Applaud the
Republican Council Members”**

Dear Editor,

With the campaign season just around the corner, there’s no doubt that citizens and candidates alike, will opine on multiple issues and concerns. Its important to keep in mind, as we here every issue discussed, that many of our problems originate outside the control of local officials. The misguided leadership of Governor Malloy, and his democratic partners in the legislative leadership, have left our state in dire economic circumstances. The Governor has proposed a 90% reduction in state aid to our town. These cuts, which was our money to start with, are going to result in supplemental property tax bills, some of which will be hundreds of dollars. The Democratic leadership in Hartford, is focused once again, on multiple tax increases and fees to repair their own damaging policies. As of today, Democrats have yet to produce a budget. Meanwhile, Republicans have put forward multiple budget proposals, all of which restore municipal aid without tax hikes. These facts have forced our Town Council members into very difficult positions. Getting blood from stone, as the saying goes, is exactly what is going to be needed. And while nobody likes to hear the “cut” word, we are going to need to look for those dollars under every stone. I applaud the republican council members for voting no on the town’ budget. Votes like that are never easy. However, at the same time our democratic friends on the council all voted yes on raising our taxes. Once again proving that they share the common democratic philosophy of Governor Malloy. That which is; tax, spend, and destroy.

Respectfully,
Edward J. Boughton Jr.
Chairman, North Branford
Republican Town Committee

**“Join me in Supporting
Tom Zampano”**

Dear Editor:

Tom Zampano has shown in several ways that he has the ability, desire, and leadership skills to be the man we need for Town Council in North Branford. As a lifelong resident of North Branford Tom has shown, and continues to show, that he is not only a dedicated and caring resident, but a person ready, and always willing, to take an active role to guide North Branford forward. His goal would be to work with fellow council members to guide the town forward to keep the community a desirable place to live, work, and raise a family.

As a longtime businessman, with over 30 years of experience managing firms, currently as operations manager at Airgas USA, LLC, and previously as a senior manager at the global manufacturing firm Sandvik Saws & Tools, where he had both domestic and global roles, Tom has proven to be an effective leader. Tom has spent his career working diligently to manage the firm he works in an efficient, profitable, and safe manner.

Tom always finds time to give back to the North Branford Community. In his spare time for many years local residents have seen Tom volunteering his time photographing various sporting events, (one of Tom’s several hobbies), at all types of events, and at all levels. Folks have seen the creative and entertaining slide shows that Tom has prepared for many of the town’s sports banquets. His photographs of the athletes in action are the highlight of the evening for the players. Tom has also made his time available to provide a helping hand at the annual potato and corn festival. In addition to Tom’s management roles and his volunteering at various town activities, Tom has

derful children with his wife of 30 years, who is also a lifelong resident of North Branford.

Finally, as you can see, together with Tom’s dedication to his community, his managerial success, and his drive, he is the right person to elect as a town council member to help lead North Branford into a more diverse, successful, and prosperous future.

Please join me in supporting Tom Zampano for Town Council.

Sincerely,
Sandy Stellato

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State Representative Vincent Candelora Connecticut's Budget



Last week, Connecticut made history. The House and Senate Chamber, controlled by Democrats, approved the Republican's budget proposal and sent a bipartisan document to the Governor's desk. After three days of negotiating with members, the House Democrats could not get enough support for their budget and abandoned calling it so Senate

Democrats took up debate on Friday afternoon. After a short discussion, three Democrat Senators stood offering support to the Republican's budget amendment where it passed 21-15. To the Speaker's credit, he chose to call the budget in the House and allow an opportunity for debate. Ultimately five House Democrats voted with Republicans to pass the budget bill 77-73. The Governor has now threatened a veto.

I believe the Governor should respect the will of the legislature and allow this budget to go into law. If he has concerns with certain provisions, we can discuss amendments down the road, but we need this budget to avoid the draconian cuts to education. The Governor abdicated his responsibility when he walked out of budget negotiations and refused to lead. Democrats are incapable of gaining enough support for their tax increases, including a secondary home tax, cell phone tax, cigarette tax, hotel tax, and nonprescription drug tax, and shifts of teacher retirement cost to local towns so the state is nowhere without this bipartisan budget.

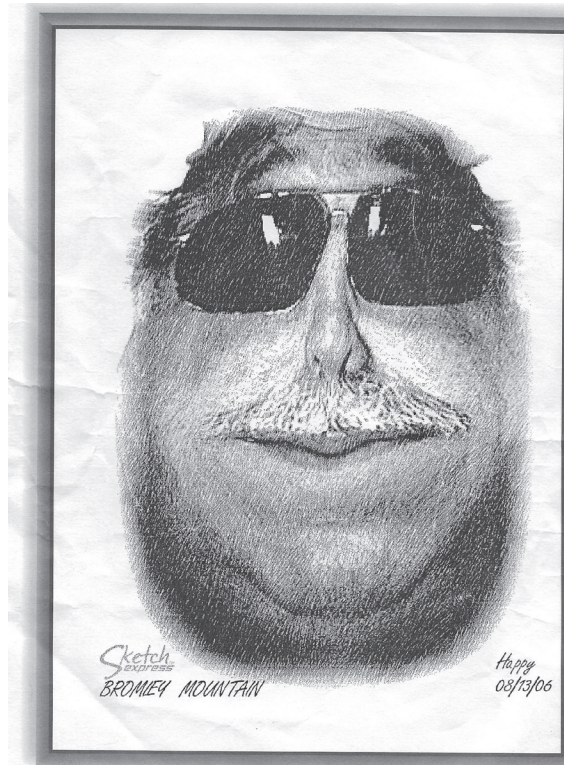
The budget proposal offers the following: no new taxes; eliminates Social Security income tax and phases out tax on pension income for middle class families; Increases education funding and includes a new ECS formula to fairly distribute aid as well as a council to analyze and make any necessary changes to the new formula within the next year; stabilizes municipal aid and does not ask towns and cities to pay for teacher retirement costs; provides significant municipal mandate relief; fully funds day and employment services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, reopens Care4Kids; prioritizes Transportation Prioritizes the state's transportation needs and stabilizes funding without tolls or new taxes; supports Seniors Lowers taxes for retirees by eliminating tax on social security for middle class families and phases out pension income tax for those with incomes below a specified threshold; helps seniors age in place by restoring and increasing funding for core programs and supports such as Meals on Wheels, the personal needs allowance, non ADA dial a ride, and the CT Home Care Program; funds state parks by implementing a new Passport to Parks program and dedicating a portion of the current hotel occupancy tax to a new Marketing, Culture & Tourism account; reduces size of government and Implements 10% reductions to certain agency accounts, overtime savings of 10%, a hiring freeze on non-24-hour non-union positions, and makes cuts to the legislature such as reducing the number of legislative committees; Includes a spending cap, bonding cap, and other long-term savings and Implements pension reform beginning in 2027 after the recently approved SEBAC contract ends.

I have always said that we will only have a budget with Republican and Democrat support. Unfortunately, rather than try and build consensus, Democrats tried to force a bad budget onto Connecticut. Fortunately, enough of their members had the courage to stand with Republicans to put Connecticut in a new direction. This budget is not perfect. There are many things in it that I hate, but it's the right budget for Connecticut.

Let's be "Frank"

Well brother, it seems like forever ago when I sent you some letters on the "trilogy" of our sister's death. I've been a bit behind on things and I must admit I'm out of the loop.

Our Town Council is still trying to be the Board of Education, spending countless hours at meetings on a few issues and (in my mind) still neglecting the larger issues at hand that face our town. With the election coming up, my guess is there will be little change as the same people are running again.



I'm sure they have the best intentions at heart but after watching the last few meetings some of the people seem to carry vendetta's against others and that is taking up too much time. Maybe it's time to look into a more conventional system of government with an elected mayor who runs the town and a smaller board of selectmen. I haven't done the research so I'm not sure it will be any better but it's worth investigating.

I recently went to a fiftieth wedding anniversary party. It seems like last week we were celebrating their 25th and even their

parents 50th. Wow, time sure has a way of creeping up on us

It's been a pretty rough summer and I hope things settle down in the Fall. It's always been my favorite time of the year.

Sorry about this short and meaningless letter but I'm tired. Take care. I'll see you soon and say hello to Mary..

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This paper reserves the right to edit all letters.

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The Editor

P.O. Box 313, Northford, CT 06472



Shawna Holzer for Board of Education

Dear editor:

I am writing this letter in support of Shawna Holzer as a candidate for the North Branford Board of Education. Shawna grew up in North Branford and is raising her two children in our wonderful community.

I have known Shawna for many years and have worked closely with her while she served on the North Branford youth football board. Shawna always had the best interest of the children at heart while serving on this board. Most importantly, she was always fair no matter the circumstance.

Shawna has always proven to be an honest, hardworking, dedicated and enthusiastic person who always strives for the best for her community.

I believe Shawna would be an asset to the North Branford Board of Education because she will be dedicated to making positive changes for our children and for the future of North Branford.

Sincerely,
Michelle Provencher

Shawna Holzer for Board of Education

Dear Editor:

I wanted to write to you in regards to Shawna Holzer running for Board of Education. I've known Shawna for some time now. When I heard she was running for the Board of Education, I felt the need to let you know how hard of a worker she is. Shawna is very active in youth sports for the town. Shawna gets involved with community events such as the potato and corn festival where she gathers families together to participate in the race and other activities. Shawna is a cheerleader of inspiration to our children letting them know anything is possible. She volunteers for feeding the homeless and collecting supplies for shelters in the winter. When the middle school boys basketball team didn't have a coach she stepped up and took charge, coming right from work in heels and all to get them ready for the game!! Shawna's personality is what draws people to rally around her. She's great with our youth in school, sports or at her own home. Shawna comes from a great family. With all her education and success throughout college she would be a great candidate to have on our Board of Education. I believe she will bring change for the better to our town.

Sincerely,
Michele Criscuolo



Public Hearing - "Riverview Subdivision"

The North Branford Inland Wetlands & Watercourse Agency is reviewing a plan for a development called "Riverview Subdivision" at 363 Totoket Road. This is across from 400 Totoket Road and borders on Marjorie Drive. There will be a public hearing on September 27, 2017 at 6:30pm in the town hall.



It is application #2017-3 and calls for single family houses. There will be some grading, buildings and leeching lines within 200 feet of the Farm River and/or within the 100 foot wetland upland review area. The developer is Sunwood Development Corporation who developed the Schanz Farm property in Northford.

There are concerns about where the edge of the river is and where the wetlands actually are now.

Any residents who may have more information about the history of this area, and the flooding that occurs are encouraged to attend the public hearing or send a letter or email to Stephen Scavo, Chairman of the North Branford Conservation and Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Agency with any concerns that you may have.

St. Anthony's Society
3rd Annual Military Whist
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Date: Friday, October 6, 2017
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WIT & WISDOM

To continue my expose' of Eisenhower's famous farewell speech in 1961 when, to the amazement of virtually everyone, even his own personal advisors, who dealt daily with him, he warned of the dangers of the "Industrial Military Complex". Imagine the surprise and disappointment of those who had worked with Ike in establishing that very organization. But there was one individual who was determined he was going to do everything in his power to put a stop to it and devoted his efforts in probably the greatest double cross in history that failed in every way.

Eisenhower was venerated as a man beyond reproach by those who already worshipped him and those who didn't before, did after he warned of the Military-Industrial Complex. While there were those who's suspicions grew stronger despite "Ike's" warning. The Military-Industrial Complex remained a power even if he had been duped. Historians spent years seeking definite proof that he had, indeed said those words. in an effort to remove the stigma that still blemished Ike's otherwise unimpeachable reputation.

They saw "Ike" or should I say Adams turning every segment of our society to the moneyed and industrial so he could spend his days golfing. "Ike", had turned the functions of government over to Sherman Adams who fulfilled every possible government function except meeting dignitaries and anything impossible to avoid Eisenhower's personal appearance. I was privileged to watch one of his news telecasts and an example of "Ike's" blundering during one of his televised news casts. A reporter asked his opinion of a very important piece of legislation, which I admit being unable to remember it's purpose for, after these many years but how he stuttered and paled, when Adams or one of his other associates, that was always on the alert to bail him out, said," Mr President that's the so and so bill we discussed and we came to the conclusion etc. etc." and "Ike" then said " Oh yes of course" and quickly turned to another reporter.

Now to address Malcolm Moos, who served as Eisenhower's speech writer from 1958 when Adams hired him. He served with the utmost trust. So loyal and trustworthy had Moos become Eisenhower's trusted him to write his every thought with the utmost confidence. Of this I learned from my research on the internet, where I couldn't find a single mention of Eisenhower engaging in a single discussion of the Military-Industrial Complex, even with his brother " Milton" with whom he often sought advice when planning a speech or discussion of any variety of subjects. Isn't this amazing he didn't seek the advice from his closest personal advisor whose help he sought throughout his entire eight years?

Moos won Adams and Eisenhower's trust from his writings on Republican politics while teaching at John Hopkins University during which he also was employed by the Baltimore Sun as an associate editor. His moderate Republican stance was verified when he joined the Rockefeller Institute as Nelson Rockefeller's speech writer and worked for the Ford Foundation after leaving "Ike". Much is made of Moos turning ALL his papers from his association with Eisenhower upon his leaving to the Eisenhower Foundation, but no mention of the part regarding Eisenhower's warning of the Military-Industrial- Complex. Note, It is noted he turned (ALL) his papers over to the Eisenhower Foundation. This is a point I want to emphasize since it eliminates the likelihood papers found later in Moos's lakeside summer cabin in Minnesota were ever intended to be given to the Foundation or that "Ike" ever saw them. That they were Moos personal papers deliberately kept from "Ike" or they certainly would have been turned over with his other papers at the time he left all the others.

I leave you to research all the other information yourself since to repeat it all here would be too long, but what prompted all this was Jim Cullen alerting me to the 20 papers found by Moo's son and daughter when they visited their fathers summer cottage on the lake in Minnesota on his death. That Moos didn't want these papers included with the original ones or he would have. It was over 20 years from the time he wrote them to their discovery in his preparation for the speech and there was sufficient time for him to release them and settle once and for all the question so important to history. The discovery of these papers did none of these except assure us Eisenhower had been duped and glorified by Moos speech.

Alton Eliason

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Smoke alarms. If I asked you where your smoke alarms are in your home, could you tell me? If you're like many people, you may not pay much attention to where smoke alarms have been installed. However, location matters when it comes to smoke alarms.

Smoke alarms should be installed inside each bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.

Working smoke alarms are a critical fire-safety tool that can mean the difference between life and death in a home fire. According to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), smoke alarms can cut the chance of dying in a home fire in half. Meanwhile, NFPA data shows that home fires killed 2,755 people in 2013, an average of eight people every day that year. Many of these deaths could have been prevented with the proper smoke alarm protection.

As a member of the fire service, I've seen the devastating effects of fire first-hand; the burn injuries, the loss of homes and possessions are distressing. What's even worse is witnessing a family's anguish after a loved one has been killed in a fire. It's heartbreaking.

My sincere hope is that all North Branford residents make sure there are working smoke alarms installed throughout their homes. These simple steps can help make a life-saving difference, and prevent the potentially life-threatening impact of fire.

Here are additional smoke alarm tips to follow:

Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.

Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.

Test alarms each month by pushing the test button.

Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they are 10 year old or sooner if they do not respond properly.

Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound and understands what to do when they hear the smoke alarm.

If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside.

Go do your outside meeting place. Call the fire department from outside the home.

A visit into the paranormal!

Sat., Oct. 7 @ 2:00 p.m.

Atwater Memorial Library

Established in 2000 and based out of northeastern Connecticut, the CTPRT is a volunteer research group headed by Christine and Daniel Peer. The goal of the organization is to investigate and document paranormal phenomena to determine whether a residence and/or establishment are, in fact, haunted. They try to find natural causes for what may be perceived as paranormal activity before jumping to the conclusion that a place is haunted. They do this by using a scientific approach and various forms of equipment to capture evidence of any paranormal activity. In addition, as of March 2013, the Connecticut Paranormal Research Team became an official member of the Ghost Adventures Crew (as seen on the Travel Channel), allowing the team to be included in the Ghost Adventures network.

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Lake Gaillard Walk Returns!

The North Branford Women’s Club, in conjunction with the Regional Water Authority, is sponsoring its 18th Annual Walk at Lake Gaillard in North Branford on Saturday, September 30, 2017 from 9 am to 1 pm, rain or shine.

This is a once-a-year opportunity to enjoy a walk around this beautiful lake. The Lake Gaillard property is not open to the public and is not included in the Regional Water Authority properties accessible with their annual pass. This annual event is the only time the public is allowed onto the property to walk, at their own pace, all the way around the lake.

The distance around the lake is approximately 7 miles, but participants may choose any distance with which they are comfortable. Distance markers will be posted along the trail. Water and comfort facilities will be available. All walkers must be on the trail by 11:00 A.M. as no one will be allowed to start their walk after that time.

On the day of the walk, a shuttle will be available for transporting participants to the Lake Gaillard property from Jerome Harrison School on Route 80 beginning at 8:30 am. The walk begins at the Beech Street entrance and access there will be by bus or on foot only. Parking will be prohibited on Beech Street and Poms Lane where posted. Sturdy strollers and wagons are welcome, but no bicycles, roller blades or pets will be allowed on the trail. Registration fee is \$10.00 for anyone over the age of 6. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged! Participants may also register on site the day of the walk.

Proceeds from this event will be used to benefit the North Branford Scholarship Association, the Watershed Fund, and other charitable club projects.

For additional information call Eileen at 203-481-3553.

LAKE GAILLARD WALK REGISTRATION

Simply complete the following pre-registration form and mail it with your registration fee by September 24, 2017 to:

Lake Gaillard Walk Make Checks Payable to:
P.O. Box 932 North Branford Women’s Club
North Branford, CT 06471

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Zip: _____ Phone #: _____

Individual Registration Fee \$10.00

Participant Names & Phone Numbers

Total Amount Included \$ _____

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Under age 6 are free.

Join the Shoreline Men Over Sixty Group

If you are 60 or older and would like to get out once a month for an enjoyable meal and interesting talk, the Shoreline Men Over Sixty (SMOS) may be just what you are looking for.

The Mission of the Shoreline Men Over Sixty is to create an opportunity for senior men along the CT shoreline to enjoy friendship, brotherhood, and a variety of interesting programs. Men from East Haven to Essex make up the bulk of the group’s membership.

Meetings take place on the first Friday of every month from October to June. There are no dues to join. You just attend one or more of the nine meetings during the year and enjoy a lunch prepared and served by the culinary students from Emmett O’Brien Tech School and listen to a forty-five minute talk. Talks could be on science, military, health, finance, to almost anything. Cost for each meeting is \$12.

The first program for the 2017-2018 season will take place on Friday, October 6 from noon-1:30pm. It features a meal of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, carrots, gravy, and dessert.

Following the meal, there will be a presentation by Charlie Fischer, former Madison CT teacher and coach on the growth and emergence of the US as a world power.

All meetings are held at the First Congregational Church of Madison at 20 Meetinghouse Lane.

For more information, please call Hank Petroskey at 203-484-9002.



Walk at TVES Reveals Relics of Farm Living

On Saturday, September 9, the North Branford Land Conservation Trust (NBLCT) sponsored a family friendly walk on several trails in the woods behind Totoket Valley Elementary School. Built in the 1970s by the Northford Garden Club, the blue, white, red and yellow trails are on town owned land that was once farmland. Hank Petroskey of NBLCT guided children and their parents and Land Trust members on the marked paths, pointing out the different types of trees and undergrowth and several artifacts of farming life that have weathered the test of time. Relics included a trough that provided water for livestock, a cistern for clean drinking water, and rock walls that once provided boundaries for pastures and crops. The trails are open to the public on the weekend.

NBLCT is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to acquire and maintain open space and to promote the conservation of land and natural resources within the Town of North Branford and environs. For more information about NBLCT, go to www.nblandtrust.org or visit us on Facebook.

Photo: The group poses at the bridge built by local boy scouts over a wetland area of the blue trail.

Animal Awareness Day & Blessing of Animals

BRANFORD, Sept. 12, 2017 – Branford Compassion Club hosts its annual Animal Awareness Day, a veritable petOberfest, complete with the popular Blessing of the Animals, on the Branford Green, Sunday, Oct. 1 from noon-4 p.m., rain or shine.



The feline rescue and adoption non-profit, celebrating its 20th anniversary, wraps its mission of the importance of pet spay-neutering, humane treatment of animals and finding homes for homeless felines into a fun day for all ages. That includes live music, children’s activities, food trucks, live animals, a bake sale and booths featuring a variety of area animal care and rescue groups, businesses, as well as many surprises.

The highlight of the day, as always, will be the Blessing of the Animals at 1:30 p.m., the annual nod to the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. That eclectic gathering in past years has ranged from dogs, cats and gerbils to horses, rabbits and birds that make their way to the Green to be blessed by local clergy from several denominations.

This year, Quinnipiac University Prof. Donna Latella’s popular mini therapy horses, will be vying for the cuteness spotlight with Leah Hilton’s Nigerian dwarf and pygmy goats from Nadeau Farm in Hamden, where they are part of its trendy weekend Goat Yoga sessions. Visitors will get to experience sessions on the Green for a \$5 donation.

The Branford Compassion Club is a privately funded nonprofit organization founded in 1997 to raise awareness about the importance of spay-neutering felines, to aid in the adoption of homeless cats and care for those deemed unadoptable in area feral colonies. Since opening its shelter in 2011 at 2037 Foxon Road, North Branford, BCC has found forever homes for close to 1,500 cats, in addition to those it adopted out before the opening of the FRAC.

Admission is free to the event. For more information about donating or volunteering at BCC’s shelter: www.branfordcompassionclub.org or 203-483-6369. Press contact: Donna Doherty, 203-481-3595.



Students at TVES Help Hurricane Victims

This past weekend Ms. Reyher (5th grade teacher at TVES) and students from Totoket Valley Elementary School set up a donation/collection center outside of Tractor Supply Company Guilford/North Branford to provide relief for those impacted by the hurricane and flooding in the Houston area. Over the course of two days students were able to raise over \$1,000 in monetary donations, supplies, and pet supplies. With the help of Ms. Reyher and Rick Esposito (parent) the supplies were collected and transported to TVES. A few days later with the support of security guard, Art Huggins and Parent Rick Esposito all supplies were loaded and brought to Shelton, CT and loaded again on to a freight truck for shipment to Texas. The combined effort by staff, students, and families as well as Tractor Supply Co. resulted in a wonderful learning experience for TVES and a great show of support by the North Branford community. All classrooms at TVES will be following Ms. Reyher's lead during the 2017-2018 school year and engaging in service learning/community projects to foster 21st century skill development and to support continued learning about character and communities. Way to go TVES we are so proud of your efforts and we know the animals and families in the Houston area thank you!

TVES would also like to extend a big thank you to Tractor Supply Co. and all of their generous customers who supported the event!



NBHS students (left to right) Luke Lucibelli, Seth Cove and Zachary Wade work the Green House. Photo by Principal Todd Stoeffler



Wee Care of North Branford, Inc. Daycare and Preschool

At Wee Care of North Branford, Inc. all day preschool is available for children ages 3-6 from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Some of the highlights of the program are:

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Sacred Heart Academy Open House

Sacred Heart Academy, an independent Catholic college preparatory school for young women in grades 9 – 12, will open its doors to prospective students and their families on **Sunday, October 15**, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Academy's Annual Open House. The Academy is located at 265 Benham Street in Hamden.

Open House is designed to give prospective families a feel for the spirit and focus of the Academy and encourages visitors to spend the day as they choose. Student guided tours are offered throughout the afternoon with time allowed for areas of particular interest. Administrators, faculty and staff, coaches, students, current parents, and alumnae will be on hand to meet and greet and answer questions. Activities, presentations, and exhibits representing all facets of the Academy will be offered. Visitors will have an opportunity to learn about the challenging academic program and co-curricular activities, observe students and teachers using the latest technology, preview the upcoming performance of *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, see cutting edge research in the state of the art molecular science, chemistry, physics and biology laboratories, and experience the orchestra and concert choir. Information on transportation, financial aid, athletics, and college placement will also be available.

All are welcome to attend the Open House; seventh and eighth graders and their parents are particularly encouraged to attend if they are considering admission. It is not necessary to call in advance. For further information about Open House or the admissions process contact Director of Admission Elaine Lamboley, 203-288-2309, x307 or visit www.sacredhearthamden.org

THEY MAKE US PROUD

The Eastern Warriors of Eastern Connecticut State College recently named **Stephanie Hogan and Erin Sheehan** to the Women's Field Hockey team. The NBHS graduates were two of only 15 girls to make the team.

Bryce Mase was recently selected as a resident Advisor at Eastern Connecticut State University.

Owl Prowler Event a Huge Success



A large crowd of over a hundred owl enthusiasts gathered at North Farms Park in Northford on Saturday, Sep-

tember 9, for an Owl Prowl at Big Gulph. Led by John Triana, Real Estate Manager of the Regional Water Authority (RWA), the night time family friendly hike took owl prowlers through protected RWA property in search of native species of owls. There was no guarantee that any owls would be attracted to the recordings made by Triana of the Great Horned Owl, Eastern Screech Owl, and Barred Owl cries, but on the third try, two Barred Owls came to investigate. Not only did they call out in answer to the recording, but they also called out to one another and flew across the clearing where the crowd gathered. Spectators delighted in the calling and the sightings of the Barred Owls, which range in height from 17-24 inches, with a wing span of 44 inches. While watching for the nocturnal birds of prey, the crowd witnessed a magical night time phenomenon – a shooting star raced across the sky above the clearing.

The Owl Prowl event was sponsored by the RWA in partnership with North Branford Land Conservation Trust (NBLCT). NBLCT is a nonprofit orga-

nization whose purpose is to acquire and maintain open space and to promote the conservation of land and natural resources within the Town of North Branford and environs. For more information about NBLCT, go to www.nblandtrust.org.

Photo of Barred Owl by David Hemmings.

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Football Team Wins Season Opener



Junior Nick Mancini ran for 125 yards, had a 36 yard reception and made 11 tackles to lead the North Branford High School football team to a 27-21 win over Grandby Memorial. With the score tied 21-21 Mancini ran it in from the 3 to get the come from behind victory in the season opener.

Senior Jeff Jablonski started at quarterback and went 10-13 for 68 yards. In the second half, coach Mark Basil decided to shake it up a little by bringing in freshman quarterback Brandon Fratta who went 6-7 for 48 yards.

The big play of the game came in the third quarter on a halfback option where sophomore Charles Wolcott hit senior Sydney Franklin with a shuffle pass and the fleet footed senior took it in for a 53 yard score. Freshmen Alex Clinton and Tyler DiNapoli both caught touchdown passes for nine yards to round out the scoring for the T-Birds.

Defensively, Wolcott added 7 tackles as did senior captain Jason Ryszczyk.



Photo far left has Jablonski grinding out some yards as is Nick Mancini (#24) in accompanying photo.

*Photos by
Tom Zampano*



North Branford Youth Basketball



Winter Sign-Ups are here!

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FOR ALL SIGN UPS

Registrations will be open on

September 1, 2017 for all 2017/2018

NBYB Recreation & Travel programs

Travel registrations will be closed on

Friday, September 29, 2017

***Travel tryouts will be

Monday October 2nd

through Friday October 6th 2017

Times & Age Groups to be announced on the

NBYB league website

www.nbyb.org

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ACTIVITIES

Keep an eye out for our upcoming toddler classes! Beginning in October we will be offering programs for toddlers ages 18 months to 5 years old. Children will be doing crafts, music, reading, and free play. Classes will be held on Mondays. Check back next issue or call (203)484-6017 for more details!

Strength Training

Who: Ages 18+
Session: September 26 –November 21 (No class Nov 7)
Location: STW Community Center
Time: Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Fee: \$75 res/\$80 nr

Ballet n’ Rhythm

Who: Ages 2-4
Session: September 27 – November 15
Location: STW Community Center
Time: Wednesday, 9:15-10:00 a.m.
Fee: \$45 res/\$50 nr

Ballet & Tap Combo

Who: Ages 3-5
Session: September 30 - November 18
Location: STW Community Center
Time: Saturdays, 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.
Fee: \$35 res/\$40 nr

TinyTykes Soccer

Who: Ages 2-5
Session: Sundays, September 24 - November 5
Location: STW Community Center Front Field
Time: For 2 - 3 year olds: 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.
For 4 - 5 year olds: 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.
Fee: \$85 res/\$90 nr

Youth Beginner Tennis

Who: Ages 8-13
Session: September 26 - October 31
Location: Memorial Tennis Courts
Time: Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Fee: \$60 res/\$65 nr

Adult Beginner Tennis

Who: Ages 14+
Session: September 28 - November 1
Location: Memorial Tennis Courts
Time: Thursday, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Fee: \$60 res/\$65 nr

Archery – Beginner/Intermediate

Who: Ages 8+
Session: October 4 – November 8
Location: STW Community Center Gym
Time: Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m./6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Fee: \$45 res/\$50 nr

Cornhole League

Who: Ages 16+
Session: October 2 – December 11 (skip Oct 9, Nov 6)
Location: STW Community Center
Time: Monday, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Fee: \$70 res team/\$80 nr team

BUS TRIPS

New England Patriots @ New York Jets

Sunday, October 15 Cost: \$115 resident / \$120 non-resident
Join us as we travel to Metlife Stadium to watch the Jets host the Patriots at 1:00. Seats are in the corner of the endzone, section 320. Price includes transportation and the bus will be leaving at 9:30 a.m. from the commuter lot in Guilford across from the Land Rover dealership.

Harvard Museum of Natural History

Saturday, November 4 Cost: \$101 resident / \$106 non-resident
Explore the many exhibits on display at the Museum of Natural History. After our visit to the museum, we will enjoy lunch at O’Connor’s Restaurant which is included in the price.

Radio City Christmas Spectacular

Thursday, December 7 Cost: \$115 resident / \$120 non-resident
Enjoy the Rockettes and the story of Christmas! Orchestra seats to a 2:00 p.m. show. See the show and still have time for shopping, and the Rockefeller Center Tree and so much more!

New York on Your Own

Thursday, December 7 Cost: \$45 resident / \$50 non-resident
You’re on your own to explore the Big City. Join us on our Motor Coach for a winter day getaway. There is no end to the options of restaurants and shops to choose from.

Westchester Theater-Christmas Voyager

Thursday, December 14 Cost: \$80 resident / \$85 non-resident
This holiday musical is a true celebration of the season. The holiday songs we all know and love are wrapped up in a celebration of spirit that will delight audiences of all ages. Lost in a future time and desperate to get back to his home galaxy, the main character travels through Christmas in the searching for that magical December 24th night.

North Branford Senior Center

8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
*** Senior Hot Lunch available – Check out the menu at nbparkrec.com**

Cold Salad option available weekly
Monday – Friday, 12:00 p.m. \$3
***As a reminder, we offer a weekly grocery shopping trip at 12:30. Come by or call the Senior Center to register.**

Please sign up for activities in advance. [Lisa Navarra, LCSW](#) – Monday, September 25, 1:00

Lisa is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) and provides home-based counseling/therapy for the adult/elder population and will be facilitating a discussion on depression and anxiety.

AARP Tech Workshop - Tuesday, September 26, 11:00 - 4:30

The AARP TEK program is bringing you a FREE hands-on technology workshop in order to help you make the most out of your mobile devices .You don’t have to be an AARP member to expand your TECH knowledge! Tablets will be provided for use.

Fired Up! - Friday, September 29, 10:30, \$15.00

Fired Up! of Branford is bringing the fun of painting ceramics here to the Senior Center. Choose from a leaf dish or adorable jack-o-lantern. Be creative and have fun with friends!

Yale Digital Mammography Van is coming to STW!

Tuesday, October 24, 2017 ~ 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
To schedule an appointment please call (203) 484-6017
***Participants must be age 40 or over and have not had a mammogram in the last 12 months, must not be pregnant or nursed within the past 6 months, have no known breast problems, no personal history of breast cancer and no breast implants. Please bring insurance cards, Medicare, and/ or Medicaid cards on the day of the appointment.**

Voter Registration Sessions for North Branford

The North Branford Registrars of Voters will conduct the following Voter Registration Sessions for new electors to register to vote in the Municipal Election to be held Tuesday, November 7, 2017:

All sessions will be held at the North Branford Town Hall

Tuesday, October 3, 2017: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Tuesday, October 10, 2017: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
***Tuesday, October 31, 2017: 9:00 am – 8:00 pm**
****Monday, November 6, 2017: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm**
***Please note that Tuesday, October 31st is the last day to register to be eligible to vote in the November election, except for those whose rights mature. Electors must appear in person with proper identification. Please also note that mail-in voter registrations must be postmarked or received by the registrars by this date. On-line registrations will not be available after October 31st.**
****This is a special session for those whose rights mature: have reached the age of 18; people who have become citizens and/or have moved into town after October 31st, 2017.**
You may also register to vote with the Town Clerk’s Office during normal business hours of 8:30 am – 4:30 pm.
Identification and proof of residency is required. Should you have any questions, please call the Town Clerk’s office at 203-484-6015.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Branford Bible Chapel. 212 Branford Rd., corner of Twin Lakes Rd. 203-488-3586. Sunday morning : 9:15 - 10:30 Worship & Lord’s Supper, 11:00 -12:15 Ministering of God’s Word & Sunday School. . Nursery provided. Awana for kids, vacation Bible School, missions & outreach programs. www.branfordbiblechapel.org

Hope Christian Church “A Place to Belong”. 211 Montowese Ave., North Haven, CT. www.hopeag.com Sunday services 10AM. Coffee served every Sunday 9:00 am. Church open for prayer Tuesdays noon to One. Thursday Bible study 7:00 PM. Like us on facebook.

North Branford Congregational Church, UCC. 1680 Foxon Rd., North Branford, CT, 203-488-8456 or nobfdcong@sbcglobal.net or www.northbranfordcongregational.org. Office Hours: Wednesday through Friday, 9:00 - 1:00pm. We worship every Sunday at 10:00am. Nursery care available. Get to know us by joining us for Coffee Hour following Services. The second Sunday of every month is Family Sunday when the children remain with their parents during the Service. This is followed by our second Sunday Brunch. Holy Communion is on the first Sunday of every month. Church School through grade 8 meets during worship. All are welcome no matter who you are, no matter where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.

Northford Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Church is located on Old Post Rd., (corner of Rte 17 and Rte 22), PO Box 191 Northford. Phone 203-484-0795, Fax 203-484-9916.. email; ncchurch@snet.net. Rev. Robin Blundon, Acting Pastor. Jane K. Leschuk Minister of Music. Sunday Worship service at 10am and Sunday school.. Join us for coffee hour following worship. Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Office hours, Monday an Wednesday 10am - 1pm. Like us on Facebook. Our website is www.northfordcongregationalchurch.com

St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, 1382 Middletown Avenue - the white church on the hill, in the heart of Northford (at the intersection of Rtes. 17 & 22). We will again be transitioning to SUMMER HOURS beginning June 4th - celebration of the Holy Eucharist every Sunday will start at 9:00 a.m. Coffee and fellowship always follows. All are welcome. Please join us - we’d love to get to know you! St. Andrew’s is also the proud home of the Food Pantry of North Branford - a vital resource serving families in need in the communities of Northford and North Branford. St. Andrew’s is a member of the Middlesex Area Cluster Ministry. The Rev. Jim Bradley is Missioner In Charge of MACM, and we have rotating clergy serving the parishes of St. Andrew’s, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Killingworth and St. James Episcopal Church, Higganum. Visit our website at <http://standrewsnorthford.org>. Like us on Facebook - St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church of Northford, CT. For more information contact us at 203-484-0895; Nancy Monde, Sr. Warden, 203-481-9472; MACM office at 860-345-0058; Rev. Bradley at 203-525-6846.

St. Ambrose Parish is a Roman Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford comprised of two church locations; St. Augustine Church located at 30 Caputo Rd in North Branford and St. Monica Church located at 1321 Middletown Ave. in Northford. The Pastor is Reverend Robert Turner. Weekday Masses are celebrated on Monday and Wednesday at 9am at St. Augustine Church and on Tuesday and Fridays at 9am at St. Monica Church. Weekend Masses are celebrated on Saturday at 4pm at St. Augustine Church and 5:30pm at St. Monica Church and on Sunday at 9am at St. Monica Church and 11am at St. Augustine Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 to 3:30 at St. Augustine Church or by appointment by calling the parish office at 203-484-0403. If you are new to the area and are looking for a parish family to join, please visit us! The office is open M-F from 9am-1pm at 30 Caputo Road in North Branford.

Zion Episcopal Church, 326 Notch Hill Road, No. Branford. 203-488-7395 Rev. Lucy LaRocca, Vicar. During the summer we will have a single 9am service of Holy Eucharist in our newly air conditioned sanctuary. In September we will go back to two services at 8 & 10AM. Healing Prayer and Compline 7PM, second Tuesday of the month. Two Safe Church trained babysitters available downstairs during the service. Visit our Facebook page or website at zionepiscopalchurch.org.

K of C Tag Sale/Flea Market

The Knights of Columbus, Totoket Council 6801 is looking for vendors to fill 80 spaces, 15’W x 28’D, at their annual Fall Giant 80,000 Square Feet Tag Sale/Flea Market on September 30th.

The event will take place at Doody’s Field, 465 Foxon Rd, North Branford. It will run from 8:00AM to 3:00PM. Admission and off road parking is free,

To reserve a space call 203-484-9737. The cost is \$30 per space paid before 9-25 with a \$5.00 late fee after that date. Vendors must provide their own tables. (Rain Dates 10-7,10-14,10-21).

Military Whist Card Party

The card party will take place on Friday, September 29th at the North Haven Congregational Church, 28 Church St. North Haven, Door open at 6:15pm with finger foods, dessert and raffle baskets. Games begin at 7:00pm with a cost of \$8.00 per person.

The event is sponsored by the North Haven Congregational Church Women’s Fellowship and the Greater Federation of Women’s Clubs.

For tickets or more information call Lynne at 203-239-7800.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, September 30th

On Saturday, September 30th, the Northford Women’s Club, GFWC, will be sponsoring a blood drive at the Stanley T. Williams Community Center, 1332 Middletown Avenue in Northford from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Please make an appointment to donate by reserving a time at www.redcrossblood.org or calling 800-RED-CROSS. Each person that comes out to donate will be entered into a raffle for a gift certificate towards dinner at a local restaurant. Let’s show what great people we have in North Branford and come out to give blood!

The Totoket Historical Society, Inc.

Annual Grace Marx Colonial Dinner Sunday, Oct. 15 2 seatings: 1:00 & 4 p.m.

\$25. per person at the 1786 Reynolds-Beers House 1740 Foxon Rd. (Rte. 80), North Branford Dinner includes:

A succulent roasted Cornish Game Hen with cider sauce.Rich and delicious Parslied Potatoes Tasty Cucumber and/or Beet Salad Amazingly good Succotash Home-baked pear bread & cranberry bread with butter, Moist Pumpkin cake with whipped cream Cider, coffee, tea and condiments For reservations call:

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Proceeds from the dinner will be used to help with the maintenance, restoration projects, and expenses for the Reynolds-Beers House, the Little Red Schoolhouse, the Miller Barn and the Little Gas Station.

Bell Tower Fundraising Continues

Donations are still being accepted for Northford Congregational Church’s Bell Tower Fund. Construction of the bell tower and steeple is currently under way out of state. More information will be forthcoming when the complete construction schedule is finalized.

All donations of any size are gratefully accepted and appreciated. In recognition of donations of \$750 or more from individuals, organizations, businesses, and groups, a bronze plaque with the name of the donor(s) will be permanently placed on a monument at the base of the tower. Tax-deductible donations can be made payable to NCC Bell Tower Fund, P. O. Box 191, Northford CT 06472. For any questions or more information, call 203-234-7794.

The historic Northford Congregational Church (203-484-0795) is located at 4 Old Post Road at the corner of Route 22 and Route 17 in the Northford village in North Branford.

Get Ready for a Night of Music, Food, and Fun

SAVE THE DATE! The North Branford Land Conservation Trust, Inc. together with the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven are sponsoring Rhythm & Brews, Craft Beer and Performance Night on Thursday, November 2, from 6 to 9 pm, at the Thimble Island Brewing Company in Branford. Tickets, \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, include one free drink, light food fare, and live entertainment by fabulous local Americana musicians Ron Anthony, Denny Collin, and Peter Prizzi. Tickets on sale for some amazing raffle prizes as well.

NBLCT is a nonprofit organization whose purpose is to acquire and maintain open space and to promote the conservation of land and natural resources within the Town of North Branford and environs. For more information about Rhythm and Brews and NBLCT, go to www.nblandtrust.org or visit us on Facebook. To order tickets, call 203-484-0733 or email nblct@nblandtrust.org.

Bingo at the Guilford K of C

Guilford Knights of Columbus Council 3928 is a nonprofit Bingo Every Monday night. \$5.00 dinner at 5:30 to 7pm. Games start at 7pm. Games include 50/50, winner take all and progressive games. All welcome to a friendly game at 390 South Union street Guilford 06437. Contact Ken at 203 621-4673 or Carl at 203-453-3330 for additional information

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Recycling News

Please note: Change in Bulky Waste Pickup*
Bulky waste pickup is now **monthly** Monthly bulky pickup will take place the **2nd full week** of each month:

	Nov	Dec
Oct 9th	13th	11th

***No change to the weekly trash and recycling pickup schedules**

North Branford Fall Leaf Collection

North Branford residents can bring their leaves to the leaf drop off center located at the Public Works Garage on Route 22 from 9:00am to 3:00pm on the following Saturdays this Fall:
October 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18 and 25.
Please place leaves in biodegradable leaf bags (no tape please) or empty them loose onto the ground.

Ewaste & North Branford Recycles Day Collection:
Saturday Nov 4th 9AM until Noon North Branford
Recycling Center (Public Works - Rte 22)

Residents may also drop off: cell phones, empty propane & helium tanks*, tires*, uncontaminated waste oil, vehicle batteries and rechargeable batteries.
Please remember that we will not accept paper of any type; place in recycling barrel for curbside pickup.

***Charge for helium tanks (\$5), size-based charge for propane tanks (\$1 up to 100 lbs) and tires (\$7 for tires up to 17” rim)**

Call for more info at recycling hotline: 203-484-4091

As a safety reminder, please only drop off propane tanks at North Branford Recycling Center at the Public Works Facility during quarterly e-waste recycling events. Leaving propane tanks in an unattended area can be dangerous to others.

Can't wait until our town's November collection?
Take 2 Electronics, has a site open to all CT residents to bring your electronics for recycling. Located at 295 South Leonard Street in Waterbury:
Hours are Mon - Fri from 7AM to 3:30PM, Saturdays from 8AM until Noon. No charge.
For more information call 800-209-9322, or visit their website take2recycle.com

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Animal Haven Seeking Sponsors
The Animal Haven is seeking sponsors & vendors for its 23rd Annual Walk-A-Dog-A-Thon The Walk-A-Dog-A-Thon will take place on Sunday, October 22nd, on the North Haven Town Green from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Event activities will include: a 1-mile dog walk, vendor booths, raffle prizes, a pet parade and costume contest, with treats and fun for all members of the family To sponsor or sign up as a vendor, please contact Wendy at waahvp@gmail.com or via phone 203-249-7355
If you would like to donate or contribute raffle items please contact Donna at assttreas@yahoo.com The Animal Haven is a private, nonprofit, 501(c) (3) charitable organization serving the greater New Haven area since 1948. It is a no-kill shelter whose mission is to provide a temporary, safe, caring and humane refuge for homeless, adoptable cats and dogs, and to subsequently place those animals in quality, adoptive permanent homes.



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Puzzle-Off Competition

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Sat. Oct. 14
Atwater Memorial Library

Sponsored by - "Friends of the North Branford Libraries"

Rules:

1. **Teams must pre-register by Oct. 2.**
2. Sign up individually or as a team. Teams may consist of up to 9 people. Adults, children and families are welcome! Be creative. Wear a team hat, ribbon or select a theme for your team. Team names welcomed.
3. Competition will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a mandatory break of an hour for lunch (11 - 12) and end promptly at 2:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided by the "Friends of the North Branford Libraries".
4. All teams will put together the same 1,000 piece puzzle.
5. The team that connects the most continuous puzzle pieces (not unconnected clusters) in the allotted time will be declared the winner. This will be determined by counting the number of pieces **left unconnected**. Each team will count their own pieces. In case of a close finish, a judge will recount.
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Atwater Memorial Library Upcoming Events

For further information, please call the library at 203 315-6020

“Pat’s Picks” Movie – Sept. 28 @ 1:00 p.m. – *The Station Agent*

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“Pre-Retirement Planning” with Mark Danaher – Oct. 5 @ 6:30 p.m.

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Connecticut Parnormal Research Team – Oct. 7 @ 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a visit into the paranormal!

Puzzle–Off Competition – Oct. 14 @ 9:30 a.m.

Sign up as a team or individual

Cookbook Club – Oct. 14 @ 3:30 p.m.

Tasting recipes taken from any item at the library

Book Discussion – Oct. 19 @ noon - *My Name is Lucy Barton* by Elizabeth Strout

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“Social Security and You” – Oct. 19 @ 6:30 p.m.

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When: Tuesday, October 24th, 2017

Time: 6:30 PM

Where: Tony Z's Apizza



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What is a Sip N' Slice Night? You will learn how to make your own pizza
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